

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/18/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15 and 17-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 10/28/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
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### DETAILED ACTION

This office action is responsive to amendment filed 08/17/2005.

#### *Response to Amendment*

The Examiner has acknowledged Applicant's response.

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward J. Kelly on 10/28/2005.

Please amend claims 1, 15, and 17 as follows:

In claim 1, insert --- **receiving from the recipient a message including the transaction ID and** (line 7, before producing a second hash), delete "transmitted " (line 8, before transaction ID), and insert -- **the --**.

In claim 15, delete " and " (line 5), and the period "." (line 6), and insert --- **and when the intended recipient requests the contact information, computing a second hash of the recipient's e-mail address associated with the request, matching the second hashed recipient's e-mail address with the first hashed e-mail address for the transaction ID, and if the first and**

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**second hashed e-mail addresses agree, transmitting the contact information to the recipient. ---.**

In claim 17, delete “ and “ (line 6), and the period “.” (line 9), and insert ---  
**and wherein the server stores an association between the contact information and the recipient’s e-mail address based on an encrypted value of the recipient e-mail address and the identifier is a transaction ID of the contact information. ---.**

**Please cancel claims 16, and 19 – 20.**

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1 – 15 and 17 – 18 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: As specifically claimed, the art of record fail to teach, among other limitations, in combination, a method for secure management of contact information via a network, comprising the step of receiving from the recipient a message including the transaction ID and producing a second hash of the recipient e-mail address, and if the second hash of the recipient’s e-mail address and the transaction ID match the first hash of the recipient’s e-mail address and the transaction ID, forwarding the contact information to the recipient (claims 1 and 15).

The art of record also fail to teach, among other limitations, in combination, a system for disseminating contact information via a network, comprising a recipient’s computer connected to the network and receiving the e-

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mail with the identifier, the recipient's computer accessing the server via the network and retrieving from the server the contact information by providing the server with the identifier and wherein the server stores an association between the contact information and the recipient's e-mail address based on an encrypted value of the recipient e-mail address and the identifier is a transaction ID of the contact information (claim 17).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### **Contact Information**

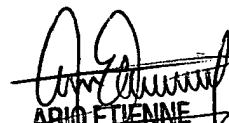
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yves Dalencourt whose telephone number is (571) 272-3998. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 7:30AM - 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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